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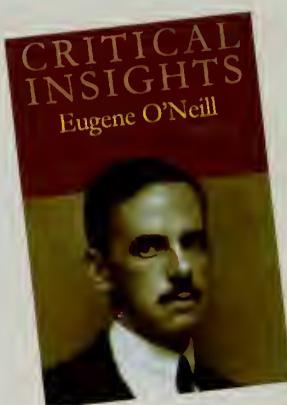


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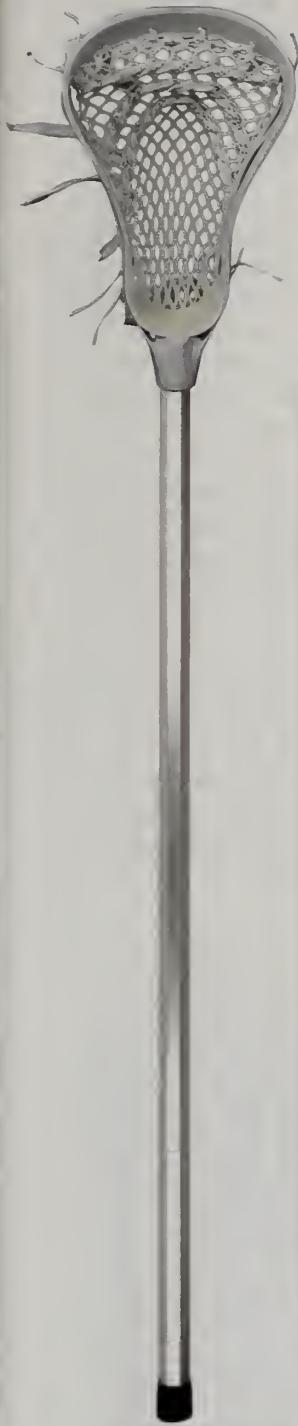
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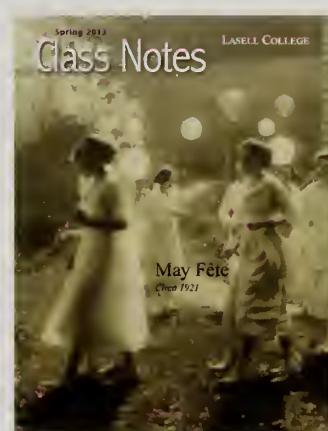
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## Committed to Excellence

Dear Lasell Alumni and Friends:



Vice President for Academic Affairs James Ostrow

I am honored to have the opportunity, in this issue of *Leaves*, to share news about academic accomplishments and growth at the College.

Recently, we learned of our reaccreditation from the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education/NEASC. The reviewers praised Lasell for its quality and stature, its signature educational philosophy (Connected Learning) and its excellence in assessment and planning.

This Summer, we will triple our undergraduate online course offerings to 18. And our graduate programs continue to grow, with student enrollment now at 350-plus. This Fall, we plan to roll out an expanded Hospitality program with majors in Hospitality Management, Event Management, and Resort and Casino Management.

Our faculty members continue to make their mark as leaders in their fields with publications, exhibits and national and international professional presentations (see *Off the Shelf*, page 10). In this issue, you'll hear from one of them, Aaron Toffler, director of the College's

Environmental Studies Program and associate professor of Environmental Policy (page 28), who says, "Lasell students are committed to action that makes the world a better place." The action he speaks of perfectly echoes our Connected Learning philosophy and dedication to public service.

Case in Point: The Prison Pups Research Program. This project explores the impact of the NEADS (National Education Assistance Dogs Services) program at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution for women at Framingham. A team of Lasell students worked on-site, gathered data and generated a research report documenting the program's impact for facility officials. A learning experience for all.



As this issue of *Leaves* makes clear, the Lasell community is peopled with learners whose accomplishments make us proud. Folks like fashion designer Sonja Williams '07, whose Lasell degree launched a career that landed her on *Project Runway* (page 8); Kathleen O'Connor ("Kate" to us), Lasell's vice president for Enrollment Management, who has helped the College succeed for 26 years (page 6); Neiman Marcus executive April Riccio MS'12, whose graduate experience here has fostered collaborative efforts with that retailer (page 18), and our *Village Voice* Helen Cohen and her son, Lasell Overseer (and former Newton Mayor) David—spirited representatives of the Lasell community (page 26).

We are inspired by these members of the Lasell family, our family. And we plan to continue to support future members of the family through our new \$1 million Lasell Fund goal, an initiative central to our commitment to provide access to a student population that has grown exponentially in recent years.

We thank you for your generous support and continued involvement—a crucial factor in Lasell's success.

Sincerely,

James Ostrow  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

# Lucie Salhany to Address Graduates

Media executive Lucie Salhany, who made history as the first woman to head a broadcasting network when she was appointed chairwoman of Fox Broadcasting in 1993, will deliver the Commencement address for Lasell College on Sunday, May 19. Salhany will also receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

During her tenure at Fox, Salhany guided the expansion of the nation's then-newest network from four nights-a-week to seven, brought popular shows such as *The X Files* to air and negotiated Fox's first National Football League (NFL) broadcast contract. Before joining Fox, Salhany was the head of Paramount's syndication division where she oversaw a string of first-run hits including *Entertainment Tonight* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Following her stint

at Fox, Salhany went on to launch United Paramount Network (UPN) and later became a co-founder and managing partner of Echo Bridge Entertainment, a New England-based independent film distributor.

"Lucie is a wonderful example to all of our students how hard work, creativity and perseverance can lead to professional success," Lasell President Michael B. Alexander says. "I have no doubt she will have inspiring thoughts to share with what will be the largest graduating class in Lasell's history."

More recently, Salhany has served on the board of directors of Hewlett Packard and as a trustee at Boston's Emerson College. Throughout her career, she has received numerous awards including the HELP Humanitarian Award, the Silver Circle Award from the

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Silver Satellite

Award from American Women in Radio and Television. She was the first woman to receive the Sherrill Corwin Humanitarian Award from the American Jewish Committee. Salhany has been an adjunct professor at Lasell, teaching Entertainment Media in the Communications Department, and serves on the President's Advisory Council.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she attended Kent State University, is married to restaurateur John Polcari and has two sons, Hal and Jake, Lasell Class of 2012.



## COMMENCEMENT 101

**3,351**

Number of chairs under the Commencement tent

*Red Geraniums*

Type of flowers on stage

**Fashion**

The major whose graduates don tape measures on Commencement day

**20**

Number of musicians performing with the New Philharmonia Orchestra

**220 X 120 FEET**

Size of the Commencement tent

**422**

Number of graduates (a new record!)

**DRAB**

Trim color for regalia of Business, Commerce and Accounting majors

**20 dozen**

Complimentary muffins prepared for Commencement morning

**2**

Number of jumbo screens under the Commencement tent

# Pride



Growing up in modest surroundings in Manhasset, NY on Long Island, Kathleen O'Connor was expected to go to college—but her surprisingly random path to choosing a school was both instructive and foundational as she shaped a career in higher education.

Her desire to support students may have been sparked by Sister Athanasius—the quasi high school guidance counselor who rejected young O'Connor's first three ideas for study after graduation (Math—not for women, History—too dry, Physical Education—not appropriate for the long term).

Feeling a little discouraged, the high school senior accompanied her best friend home after school where a pile of college catalogs awaited them. She picked the one on top of the pile [Regis College], which her friend had visited.

"She said they liked it, [and] I liked that it wasn't close to home," says O'Connor. The friend's mother even filled out the application for her.

It turned out to be a good fit, and the small college empowered her to take a leadership role.

"Students can get very bad or very good advice [about college]; some are very smart but get a late start," says the Regis alum. "It always comes down to making the college name well-known enough so that when someone says, 'Have you heard of it?,' someone else can say, 'Yes, I have.'"

Following college, O'Connor tried on several adventures for size including a two-year stint on the crew (mostly

**Chillin' with Caper:** VP for Enrollment Management Kate O'Connor, her Golden Retriever at her feet.

# of Place

'Lasell pays attention to the important things.'

male) of a luxury European cruise ship, submitted an application to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and considered law school. But the idea of working with students beckoned.

Fast-forward past O'Connor's varied career turns in and outside of higher ed, an M.Ed from Lesley College and an Ed.D from University of Massachusetts-Boston, to a 26-year career at Lasell, where she consistently trumpets support for undergraduates and graduates alike.

"What makes Lasell special is the student focus," O'Connor tells *Leaves*.

Shortly after her arrival in 1987, O'Connor became known as a fixer.

As dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, she saw applications rise—but working with students was still more appealing. So, when the dean of Student Affairs position opened up, she snatched it. Admissions, however, still needed attention.

"There was a real sense that it was time to make this place move," remembers O'Connor, who held both positions simultaneously for a period until she moved fully into Enrollment Management in 1995.

Helping Lasell raise its profile meant change—from a two-year to a four-year college and later, from a women's to a co-ed institution. It also meant the administrators needed to be resolute that the changes were right for Lasell. O'Connor took special care during those transitions to consult with students and visit them in their residence halls to discuss the issues.

Throughout the years, Lasell's current vice president for Enrollment Management has made it her mantra to advance Lasell and its students. But her favorite memories revolve



around times when she supported a student directly—whether urging a student to recognize her leadership potential or helping to address a substance abuse problem.

"The most rewarding times are at Commencement, when you know what they have overcome to get that degree, and they still walk across that stage," she says.

Those graduation ceremonies span several decades for O'Connor—from when 400 students roamed the campus and a handshake was as good as a promise—to today, where a growing number of undergraduate and graduate students can read tweets from Boomer, the College's mascot.

O'Connor's most distinctive legacy may be her sense of Lasell's history, her institutional memory.

Beyond her hobbies, which include Caper—the lovable Golden Retriever who sits at her feet—to gardening at her Needham home, O'Connor is widely known on campus as one who remembers everything about Lasell. And, if she doesn't, she'll find out!

This sense of pride also radiates to her regular care and feeding of the campus and its students—whether serving them pancakes at Midnight Breakfast, planting new trees or picking up candy wrappers from the sidewalk.

"I believe you need to own the place," she says. "Lasell pays attention to the important things."



**In Fashion:**  
Williams does her thing  
behind the scenes.

Sonja Williams '07

# Making it Work on the *RUNWAY*

**Handmade Halloween costumes, courtesy of a highly creative mother, were just the beginning of Sonja Williams' fascination with fabric, clothes and fashion design.**

As a youngster growing up in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, a precocious Sonja learned to sew at age 12 and never looked back. The mischievous seamstress soon "borrowed" fabrics from her mom and refashioned her sister's skirts into her own designs.

"I have never wanted to do anything else in my life, it was always what I wanted to do," says Williams, who last Fall became a national fashion sensation during her appearance on Season 10 of Lifetime TV's *Project Runway*.

Williams, who ranked respectably as one of the last designers to be voted off the show, was followed closely each week by former Lasell Fashion professors, young Fashion majors and fashion-forward staff on her alma mater's campus. For weeks on end, the community was delighted to see Williams win design challenge after challenge and calmly navigate the divas of the *Project Runway* cast.

All the while Williams consistently produced quality designs—garnering praise from accomplished American designer and *Project Runway* judge Michael Kors and winning a coveted contest to design a baby outfit to be sold by Babies-R-Us.

"Sonja was always very serious about her work here at Lasell. She would go above and beyond to create the best and highest-quality designs," says Lasell Fashion Department Chair Lynn Blake, who admits she watched all the *Project Runway* episodes with a box of tissues nearby. "She made us so proud."

Williams made her way to Lasell following a one-month experience at New York City's Wood Tobe-Coburn School ("I immediately knew I wanted to transfer") and discovered the special atmosphere and intimacy of Lasell's campus.

"It was a small school, and I knew I wouldn't be just another number," she says.

It was on the Auburndale campus where she made lifelong friends, honed her sewing and pattern-making skills, and defined her design aesthetic.



**Haute and Low:** The Lasell alum strolls Central Park.

"It was important for me that I didn't just make clothes for an assignment," she tells *Leaves*. "I wanted to create things that would help me evolve as a designer."

During long nights of sewing in Yamawaki, Williams hatched her future fashion plans including a tryout for *Project Runway* (as a junior). That first tryout set the stage for the callback that came last Spring for Season 10 of the hit series—at just the right time. She quickly left her retail job to begin filming for the show, which aired in August 2012.

Now, with the rewarding experience of *Project Runway* behind her, Williams remains on the fashion radar with her new *Project Runway*-related blog for Lord & Taylor, in addition to her well-read blog, "Haute and Low." More recently, she landed a creative director position at Annabelle New York (an upscale boutique design firm)—where she will design a line of coats and jackets under her own special label.

Reflecting on the total experience, perhaps what makes her smile the most is that she remained true to herself throughout the process and showed the world that a fashion designer need not come from Fashion Institute of Technology or Parsons The New School for Design to succeed.

"I think it is important to find your own way. If it is something you are really passionate about, then don't give up. If it means moving to New York or LA to find the opportunities, do that. Don't just wait for them to come to you."

Sage advice.

# Off the Shelf

Recent publications, presentations and exhibitions by Lasell College faculty include a rich roster of titles and topics. Here, a sampling:

**Joseph Aieta III**, Professor of Humanities

- Peer review of "Islam in Africa South of the Sahara" for *Civilization* International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations. August 2012.

**Elizabeth Alexander**, Lecturer, Studio Art

- *Still Life: A Fabricator's Banquet*, contemporary art installation. Cape Ann Museum, Gloucester, MA. 2012.

**Deborah Baldizar**, Lecturer, Studio Art

- *The Art of Handmade Paper*. Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs, MA. September 2012.

**Janice Barrett**, Chair and Professor of Communication

- *Journalism Practice and Content in a Global Context*, panel presentation chair. International Communication Association Convention, Phoenix, AZ. May 2012.

**Lynn Blake**, Chair and Associate Professor of Fashion

- *Fashion Design, Referenced: A Visual Guide to the History, Language and Practice of Fashion*, A. Kennedy and E. Banis Stoehr. Illustrator of fashion timeline. Rockport Publishers. 2012.

**Steven Bloom**, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Undergraduate Education and Professor of English

- *Critical Insights: Eugene O'Neill*, editor. EBSCO/Salem Press. November 2012.

**Linda Bucci**, Chair of Justice Studies, Professor of Legal Studies

- "An Overview of the Legal and Cultural Issues for Migrant Muslim Women of the European Union: A Focus on Domestic Violence and Italy." *Crime, Law and Social Change*. 2012.

**Michael Burns**, Assistant Professor of Communication

- "A Reexamination of Family Schemata: Spirituality as a Predictor of Family Communication Environment and Satisfaction," presenter at National Communication Association meeting, Orlando, FL. November 2012.

**Jennifer Breese-Vitelli**, Lecturer, Communication

- "Cloud Computing: Should I Stay or Should I Cloud?" co-presenter at Conference on Information Systems and Applied Research, New Orleans, LA. November 2012.

**Kenneth Calhoun**, Chair and Assistant Professor, Art and Graphic Design

- "Desperate Measures" *Lumina Magazine*, Volume XI. Spring 2012.

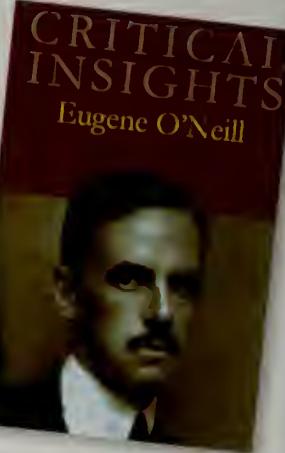
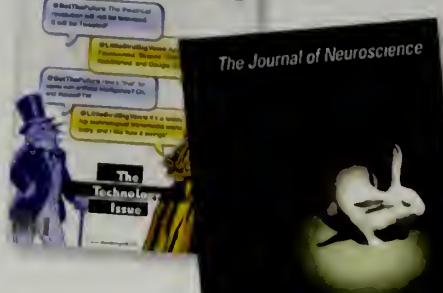
**Jill Carey**, Joan Weiler Arnow Associate Professor of Fashion

- "The Ladies of Downton Abbey," exhibitor and presenter (with L. Blake), WGBH Boston. February 2012.

**Michael Daley**, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

- "Leaf-Level Gas Exchange and Foliar Chemistry of Common Old-Field Species Responding to Warming and Precipitation Treatments," with three co-writers. *International Journal of Plant Sciences*. 2012.

## the Dramatist



**Paul DeBole**, Assistant Professor of Political Science

- *Investigating American Democracy: Readings on Core Questions*, article reviewer. Oxford University Press. 2013.

**Kimberly Farah**, Professor of Chemistry

- "The Effect of Music on Short-Term Memory Retention," with two co-writers, presenter at Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. March 2012.

**Dennis Frey**, Associate Professor of History

- "Wealth, Consumerism and Culture Among the Artisans of Goppingen: Dynamism and Tradition in an Eighteenth-Century Hometown." *Central European History*, Vol. 46, 2013.

**Hortense Gerardo**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Humanities

- "It's Deskill the Writing, Stupid." *Seasons, The Periodic Journal of the International Centre for Women Playwrights*. October 2012.

**Sarabeth Golden**, Assistant Professor of Psychology

- "Current Sexual Attitudes and Sex Education History: What's the Connection?," poster session co-presenter with M. Mirkin, J. Montepare, L. Rosenthal and students. Eastern Psychological Association meeting, New York. March 2013.

**Neil Green**, Lecturer in Communication

- "ElderConnect: A Tool to Recognize and Respond to Elder Homelessness," with four co-presenters. Annual Centers for Disease Control Health Communication, Marketing and Media Conference. Atlanta, GA. August 2012.

**José Guzmán**, Assistant Professor of Spanish

- "Con mi muerte yazgo en ti..." *Revista La Otra*, Mexico. 2013.

**Elizabeth Hartmann**, Associate Professor of Education

- "A Socio-Cognitive Approach to How Children with Deafblindness Understand Symbols." *International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*. 2012.

**Dana Janbek**, Assistant Professor of Public Relations

- "Telecenter Web Portals in Latin American and Arab Nations: A Comparative Analysis," co-authored. *Journal of Community Informatics*. 2012

**Ann Katzeff**, Lecturer in Art and Graphic Design

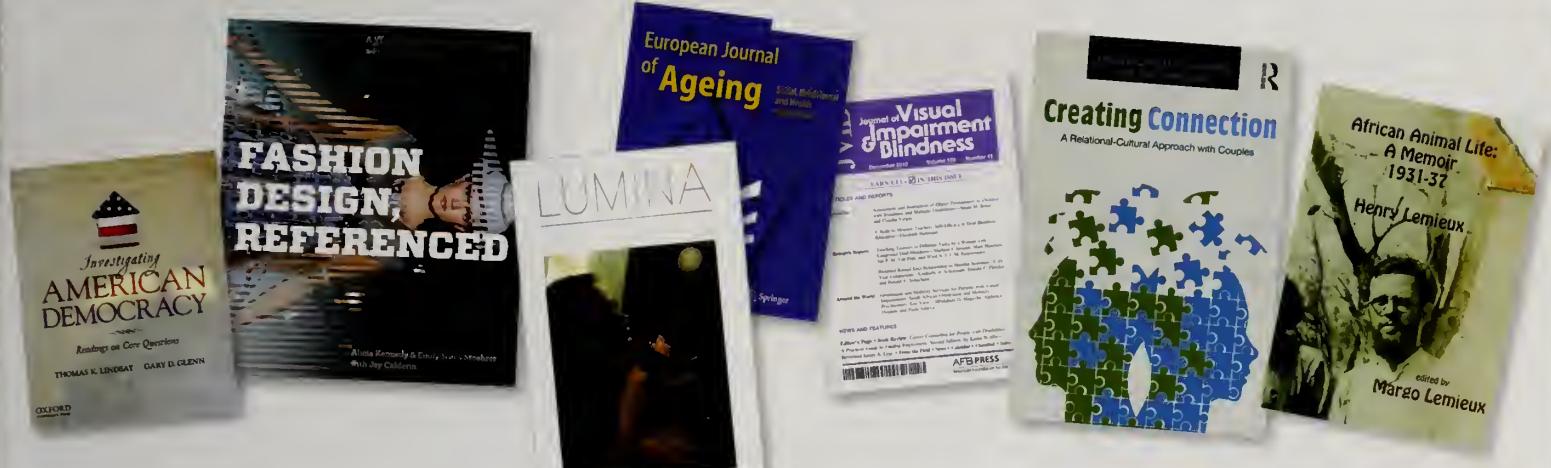
- Members' Group Show contributor. Mass Audubon Habitat Sanctuary, Belmont, MA. December 2012.

**Alicia Kennedy**, Lecturer, Fashion

- *Fashion Design, Referenced: A Visual Guide to the History, Language and Practice of Fashion* with E. Banis Stoehr. Rockport Publishers. 2013.

**Margo Lemieux**, Associate Professor, Art and Graphic Design

- *African Animal Life: A Memoir 1931-37* (Henry Lemieux), editor. Riverside Studios Publishing. 2012.



**Luis Lopez-Preciado**, Assistant Professor of Integrated Marketing Communication

- "Account Planning in the Mexican Advertising Industry," presented at International Communication Association's annual regional conference, Santiago, Chile. November 2012.

**Allegra Martin**, Lecturer, Music

- An American Christmas, Allegra Martin Directing the Cantilena Women's Chorale (CD recording). December 2012.

**Jeffrey Martin**, Program Director and Assistant Professor of Exercise Science

- "Effects of Endurance Exercise Training, Metformin and their Combination of Adipose Tissue Leptin and IL-10 Secretion in OLETF Rats," with nine co-authors. *Journal of Applied Physiology*. 2012.

**Dominique Mathieu**, Clinical Education Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Athletic Training

- "Assessing Critical Thinking: Applying the Holistic Critical Thinking Scoring Rubric to Athletic Training Education," presenter at Athletic Training Educators Conference, Dallas, TX. January 2013.

**Barbara Meltz**, Lecturer, Communication

- Parenting blog for the *Boston Globe Online*. 2012-13. [www.boston.com/community/comoms.blogs/child\\_caring](http://www.boston.com/community/comoms.blogs/child_caring).

**Salam Mir**, Associate Professor of English

- "Palestinian Literature: The Necessary Background." *Arab Studies Quarterly*. Spring 2013.

**Marsha Mirkin**, Associate Professor of Psychology

- "Grandma's Reply," poem. *Centennial Covenant Book of the Women of Reform Judaism*. January 2012.

**Joann Montepare**, Director, RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies, Professor of Psychology

- "Age Identity, Self-Rated Health and Life Satisfaction Among Older Adults in Dakar, Senegal," with three co-authors. *European Journal of Aging*. 2013.

**J. Brooke Mullins Doherty**, Lecturer, Studio Art and Art History

- New England Sculptors Association Exhibition. Six Summit Gallery, Ivoryton, CT. August 2012.

**Michelle Niestepski**, Assistant Professor of English

- "Gateways to the Past: Conducting Archival Research," workshop co-director and speaker. Conference on College Composition and Communication. St. Louis, MO. March 2012.

**Loredana Padurean**, Assistant Professor of Management

- "Advertising in Tourism and Hospitality," workshop presenter for Athens School of Business visiting MBA students. Lugano University, Switzerland. March 2012.

**Lizabeth Piel**, Assistant Professor of History

- "Food Rationing and Children's Self-Reliance in Japan, 1942-1952." *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*. Fall 2012.

**Sammy Rastagh**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

- "Narrative Emotional Framing: A Qualitative Analysis of the Global Justice Movement," presenter at Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 2012.

**Patricia Roy**, Visiting Assistant Professor of English

- "Poetry is the First Sign of Spring." *Chamber Four Literary Magazine*. October 2012.

**Helena Santos**, Dean of Advising and First Year Programs

- "From College 101 to Sex and Death: Using Assessment to Redesign the Academic First Year Experience," with three co-presenters. New England Educational Assessment Network (NEEAN) Fall Forum, College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, MA. 2012.

**Annee Scott**, Senior Lecturer, Studio Art

- "Longings for a Lost Motherland," solo exhibition at The Greek Institute, Cambridge, MA. October 2012.

**Jesse Tauriac**, Assistant Professor of Psychology

- "Exploring the Divergent Academic Outcomes of US-Origin and Immigrant-Origin Black Undergraduates, co-author. *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*. 2013.

**Svetlana Todotova**, Lecturer, Mathematics

- "Does Economic Growth Affect Pensions? Evidence from the Bulgarian Economy," co-author. *Russian Journal*. 2012

**Anh Le Tran**, Assistant Professor of Economics and Management

- "Vietnam Under Pressure to Change." *GlobalPost* online article. May 2012.

**Anne Valley**, Assistant Professor of Fashion

- "Britain Can Make It: Postwar Progress through Determination, Innovation & Exploration," exhibition co-curator, Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA. May 2012-May 2013.

**Brian Wardyga**, Associate Professor of Communication

- "A Relationship Between Text Message Volume and SAT Writing Test Scores." *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*. October 2012.

**Zane Zheng**, Assistant Professor, Psychology

- "Multivoxel Patterns Reveal Functionally Differentiated Networks Underlying Auditory Feedback Processing of Speech," lead author. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 2013.

**Catherine Zeek**, Chair and Associate Professor of Education; Director of Center for Teaching and Learning

- "Reconsidering Pedagogy: How Online Learning Informs Face-to-Face Teaching," co-presenter with L. Bruenjes, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education annual conference, Chicago, IL. February 2012.

# media matters



In February 2013, **The Newton Patch** featured a photo of children from the Holway Child Study Center-Rockwell on a visit to Lasell Village, where the toddlers delivered handmade Valentine's Day cards and sang for the senior residents.

Both **boston.com** and **The Newton Patch** published a photo of **Tim Doherty '14** and **Ryan McFadden '16** working alongside an NBC production team during *The Today Show*'s visit to Boston in February 2013.



In March 2013, President **Michael B. Alexander** published an opinion piece in the **Boston Business Journal** supporting MA Governor Deval Patrick's tax proposal to increase funding for education.

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**The Podium**, **The Boston Globe**'s online opinion section, published a January 2013 op-ed piece by Lasell College President **Michael B. Alexander** on making college more accessible. He also provided commentary on the value of higher education on the **Fox 25 Morning News** in December 2012.

**Fidelity.com** listed Lasell Village as one of "8 Quirky Retirement Communities" in the US and featured an interview with Vice President for Lasell Village **Paula Panchuck**. In January 2013, **Seniorhousingnews.com** interviewed Panchuck about how the Village's lifelong learning philosophy has served as a model for other college and university campuses. The article was picked up by the **Chicago Tribune**.

**WHDH-TV Channel 7** in Boston interviewed Leaves cover girl and former *Project Runway* contestant **Sonja Williams '07** about her impressions of the fashions showcased on the Red Carpet runway at the January 2013 *Golden Globe Awards*. Williams, a contestant in Season 10 of Lifetime TV's primetime hit **Project Runway**, also was the focus of a recent **Marie Claire** magazine photo spread (at right, an original Williams creation).

Career Counselor **Kelley Buckley** was interviewed by **Forbes.com** in January 2013 about how Lasell prepares students to negotiate salaries after graduation.

**The Newton Patch** touted a January 2013 local talk by Fashion Department Chair **Lynn Blake** and Fashion Collection Curator **Jill Carey** about fashion styles featured in the PBS hit series *Downton Abbey*.

President **Michael B. Alexander** appeared in a January 2013 issue of the **Boston Sunday Globe Magazine's People and Places** section following his participation at the annual Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICUM) meeting in Boston.



**Jill Carey**, Fashion professor and curator of the Lasell Fashion Collection, spoke with the **Boston Herald** for a January 2013 article about the Pantone company's choice of emerald as "The Shade" for 2013.





Boston.com showcased a December 2012 fashion show at Brookline, MA's Larz Anderson Auto Museum that featured 25 garments constructed by Lasell students using non-textile materials in response to an exhibition about the relationship between cars and fashion.

In December 2012, the Metro West Daily News and several other Gatehouse News publications published a column by Samantha Hastler, associate director of admissions, on pointers for prospective college students.

Admissions Counselor Christopher Gray's article on the impact of trauma on prospective college students was posted on the New England Board of Higher Education and Providence Journal websites in December 2012.

In November 2012, Joan Dolamore, dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, was quoted in a Boston Sunday Globe article about how graduate certificates can recharge a professional career.

Nara Paz '09, a Lasell Fashion alum, was interviewed by the Boston Herald about the custom dress she created for Olympic judo gold medalist (and Massachusetts native) Kayla Harrison's appearance on the red carpet at the Country Music Awards broadcast in February 2013.

In October 2012, Patrick Slight '13 was interviewed in the Boston Sunday Herald about how the US Presidential election affects college seniors' job-hunting prospects.

In October 2012, Paul DeBole, assistant professor of Political Science, wrote an opinion piece for the Swampscott Reporter about contemporary politics and voting.

Deborah Gelch, chief information officer for the College, was interviewed for a recent University Business Magazine article on workflow systems and how to best track work orders to improve institutional efficiency.

In February 2013, the Newton Patch published an article highlighting a trip made by a volunteer team of Lasell Resident Assistants to Superstorm Sandy-ravaged New Jersey, where they performed clean-up work in Atlantic City and Seaside Heights.



**Garden Statement:** Lasell Resident Assistant volunteers (back, left to right): Alexandra Ferri '14, Antonio Nesbitt '13, Kevin Moloney '14, Steven Saluti '15, Ashley Clary '14, Residential Life Area Coordinator Patricia Moran, Holly Irvin '13, William Dempsey '13. (Front, left to right): Kristen Silvia '14, Rebecca Bissonnette '15, Danielle Fortin '15.

# History Uncovered at Brennan Library

## Twelve-year-old Gabriello Adler of Medford just wanted to see the illustrations.

A home-schooled sixth grader with a love for early-edition books, Adler set about to borrow the oldest edition he could find of Mark Twain's *The Prince and the Pauper* within the Minuteman Library Network last Fall. The network connects town libraries from Cambridge to Newton and beyond—including Lasell's Brennan Library.

Through an inter-library loan, Adler received what he thought was a 1940 edition of the volume. But it was much more.

He soon realized that despite its 1940s cover, the inside was actually a first edition—from 1882.



First Edition:  
(Very) young researcher Gabriello Adler.

After conducting further research, Adler and his parents contacted Brennan Library staff to schedule a meeting to present his case for taking the book out of circulation and giving it a permanent home in the Winslow Archives.

"Gabriello gave an impressive and convincing presentation," says Lydia Sampson, head of Technical Library Services. "He explained what he knew about the book's history, the evidence supporting his belief that we owned a first edition, sources for us to refer to and his proposal—that we remove the book from the circulating collection to preserve it and protect it from damage."

The find also prompted Lasell's Archivist Bobbie Sproat to revisit her previous research about Twain's link to the College.

Sproat confirmed that the Lasell Seminary Class of 1904 had invited Mark Twain to be an "honorary member" of the class—a long-standing tradition at the time. Also, Twain's autographed photo was displayed in the school's 1904 yearbook as well as in class photographs.

"The College's connections in its early years are impressive, and Gabriello helped us uncover one," says Sproat.

Because of this connection and Adler's research, the volume has a new home in the Winslow Archives on Brennan Library's second floor.

In its place in regular circulation will be a newer, less valuable edition of *The Prince and the Pauper*—recommended by Adler—that includes some of those early illustrations that he favors so much.

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THE PRINCE AND HIS DELIVERER.

Hendon's lodgings were in the little inn on the Bridge, neared the door with his small friend, a rough voice said —

"So, thou'rt come at last! Thou'lt not escape again, I thee; and if pounding thy bones to a pudding can teach th what, thou'l not keep us waiting another time, mayhap"—a Carty put out his hand to seize the boy.

Miles Hendon stepped in the way and said —

"Not too fast, friend art needlessly rough, m What is the lad to thee?

"If it be any hnsiness to make and meddle in affairs, he is my son,"

"'Tis a lie!" cried th king, hotly.

"Boldly said, and I thee, whether thy small he be sound or cracked, m

But whether this scury be thy father or no, 'tis a

he shall not have thee to be and abuse, according to his threat, so thou prefer to hide with m

"I do, I do—I know him not, I loathe him, and will die be will go with him."

"Then 'tis settled, and there is nought more to say."

"We will see, as to that!" exclaimed John Carty, stridin Hendon to get at the boy; "by force shall he"—

"If thou do but touch him, thou animated offal, I will spi like a goose!" said Hendon, barring the way and laying his hand his sword hilt. Carty drew back. "Now mark ye," continued don, "I took this lad under my proteetion when a mob of such as

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would have mishandled him, mayhap killed him; dost imagine I will desert him now to a worser fate?—for whether thou art his father or no,—and sooth to say, I think it is a lie—a decent swift death were better for such a lad than life in such brute hands as thine. So go



"JOHN CANTY MOVED OFF."

thy ways, and set quick about it, for I like not much bandying of words, being not over-patient in my nature."

John Canty moved off, muttering threats and curses, and was swallowed from sight in the crowd. Hendon ascended three flights of stairs to his room, with his charge, after ordering a meal to be sent thither. It was a poor apartment, with a shabby bed and some odds

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## Thanks, Bobbie



Barbara "Bobbie" Sproat, Lasell's reference Librarian and archivist since 2002, is retiring at the end of the academic year. A hearty "thank you" to this bibliophile from the scores of students, faculty and staff who have benefitted from her wisdom!

## A Deep Digital Dive into *Leaves* Archives



The new digital archive of Lasell's *Leaves* had Assistant English Professor Michelle Niestepski acting like a kid in a candy store.

Following the recent completion of a digitization project that now makes all volumes of *Leaves* from 1876 to present available online, Niestepski took the opportunity to delve deeper into Lasell's venerable publication.

"My interest in archives stems from a graduate course I took at the University of Rhode Island on archival theory. I was hooked on archives after that," says Niestepski. "The Winslow Archives at Lasell are a rich source of information and, with the recent digitization, the whole Lasell community has access."

Indeed.

Niestepski herself uncovered a treasure trove of tidbits.

Early issues of *Lasell Leaves*, once written by students, showcased a variety of genres and featured both fiction and non-fiction writing including essays, poetry, jokes, commentary on lectures, political opinions, updates on current and past students, discussions of off-campus trips and "Leaflets"—facts about the student body including states represented and other nuggets.

"As a writing instructor, I was especially interested to read pieces in *Leaves* where students wrote about the struggles they faced with writing—choosing a topic, finding the right language to express their thoughts, procrastinating—struggles that are the same for today's students," she adds.

Niestepski presented her findings and research in March at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Las Vegas and also shared the information with her Lasell short story class and a group of faculty and staff on campus.

The digitization effort came about after Lasell's Winslow Archives was selected last year to participate in the digitization project administered by the Boston Public Library and Digital Commonwealth. That project scans selected documents for public access in the Internet Archive, a non-profit organization founded to build an Internet library offering "permanent access for researchers, historians, scholars, people with disabilities and the general public to historical collections that exist in digital format."

To browse the online archives of *Leaves*, visit:  
<http://archive.org/details/lasellcollegewinslowarchives>

# Around the Crow's Nest

## New and Notable on Campus (and Beyond)

### Regional Rank

Lasell has again been ranked a "Best Regional College" in the North Region for 2013 by *US News and World Report*. Way to go!

### Online Ed

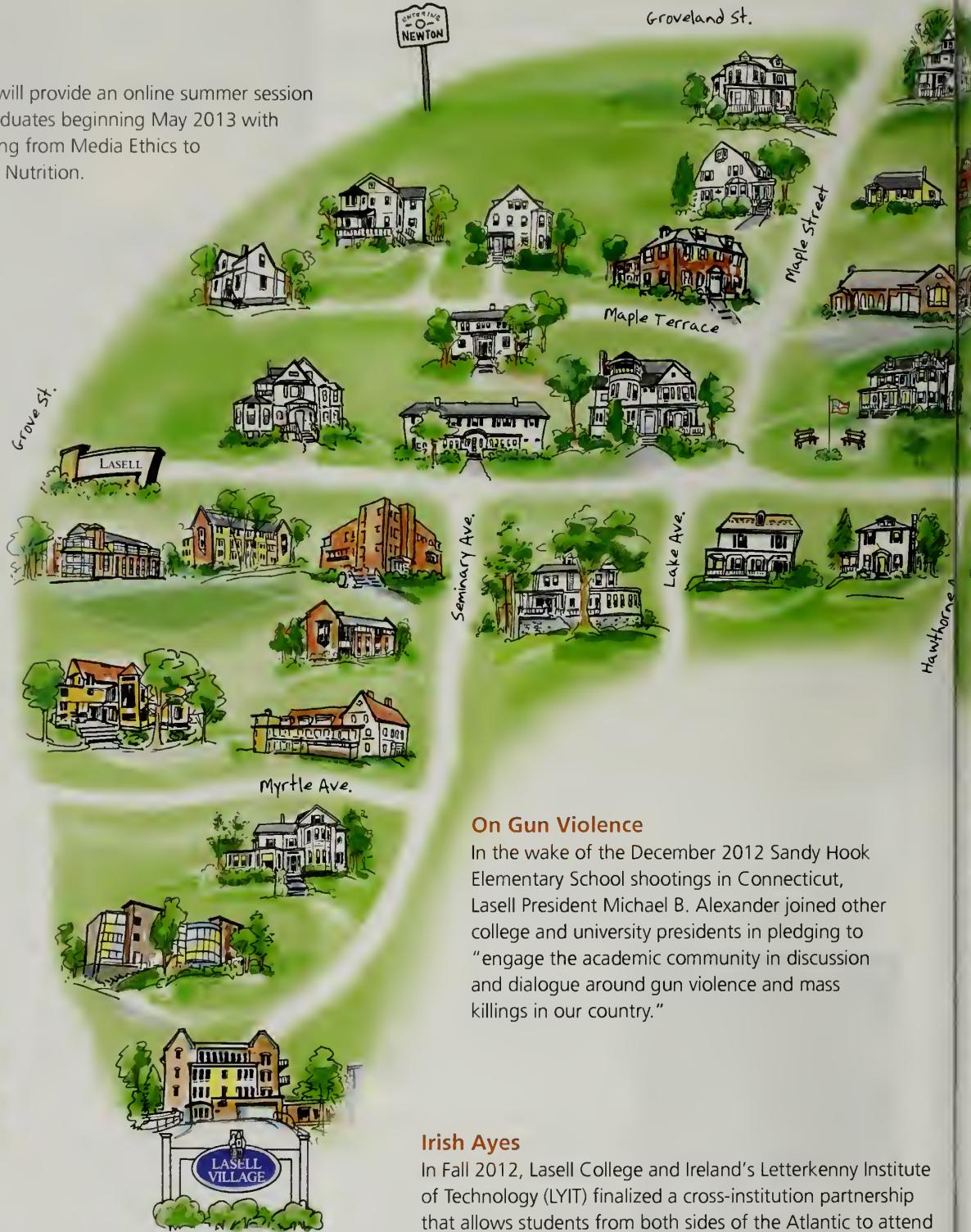
Lasell again will provide an online summer session for undergraduates beginning May 2013 with classes ranging from Media Ethics to Performance Nutrition.

### Looking Presidential

For the fourth consecutive year, Lasell College was named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction for its "strong commitment to service and compelling outcomes in the community."

### Hurricane Help

In November 2012, an Admissions Office staffer (also an alum) drove a van full of donations to New Jersey for victims of Hurricane Sandy. And, in February 2013, a volunteer team of Lasell Resident Assistants traveled to the Garden State to help with clean-up work along the battered coast.



### On Gun Violence

In the wake of the December 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Connecticut, Lasell President Michael B. Alexander joined other college and university presidents in pledging to "engage the academic community in discussion and dialogue around gun violence and mass killings in our country."

### Irish Ayes

In Fall 2012, Lasell College and Ireland's Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) finalized a cross-institution partnership that allows students from both sides of the Atlantic to attend college away from their home continent.

# LASELL COLLEGE



## Topical Forum

Lasell's RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies hosted the Massachusetts Gerontology Association (MGA) Fall Policy Forum in October 2012. *End-of-Life Care, Choices and Conversations* included discussion about the controversial Massachusetts "Death with Dignity" Initiative and related policy issues.

## Faculty Fellow

Lasell Professor of Chemistry Kim Farah is finishing her 2012-2013 term as the inaugural Fuss Center Faculty Fellow, the first such research fellow named by the RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies.

## Entrepreneurship Grants

Three Lasell students received \$1,000 entrepreneurship grants through Lasell's Small Business Institute (SBI) and Office of Academic Affairs, signaling the first time the College has awarded grants for student-created small businesses.

## Gym Credit

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) awarded initial accreditation for five years to the College's Exercise Science Program. In addition, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) granted continuing accreditation to Lasell's Athletic Training Program.

## NEASC Redux

The College recently received notification of its reaccreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education/NEASC. Reviewers praised the growth in quality, stature, Connected Learning and assessment excellence.

April Stern Riccio MS'12

# 'Classic and Timeless, with an Irreverent Twist!'

**It's not a stretch to call April Stern Riccio MS'12**, public relations director for Neiman Marcus Natick, a fashion industry professional with an A-list pedigree. The Columbus, Ohio native grew up attending couture shows in New York, Paris and Milan with her syndicated fashion columnist mother and went on to work as a fashion photographer while earning a BA in Visual Communications and Journalism from Ohio State University. Her roster of experience with elite retailers includes PR and special events positions at the legendary Garfinckel's in Washington, DC, Saks Fifth Avenue in Chevy Chase, MD and Neiman Marcus Boston. Riccio has two grown children (an English teacher/writer daughter in Paris and an attorney son in Brussels) and lives with her educator husband, Lawrence Riccio, in Boston's North End, where they "hope to try all 105 neighborhood restaurants (we're up to 40 so far!)." Leaves visited with Riccio on location at Neiman Marcus Natick as she prepared for a small Spring show at the stunning store.

**What attracted you to Lasell's graduate program?** When I was in DC, I began master's degree studies at Trinity University. After moving to Boston, I looked for a graduate program in Fashion. I was able to transfer to Lasell and complete my degree with online classes and, at the same time, continue working at Neiman Marcus. I'm not only an executive at the store, I also plan all the events, often working seven days a week. Lasell's online classes fit perfectly with my busy schedule.

**What was your Lasell academic experience like?** Really great. I was impressed with the knowledgeable professors and loved the reading, case studies and research. The social media, public relations, conflict resolution and speech writing classes, in particular, expanded my body of knowledge.

**How did Lasell's graduate program help you advance in your already-successful career?** My goal is to someday teach fashion communications and sales promotion at the college level, so I wanted to both expand my professional grasp and keep up with the social media explosion. The

graduate-level courses helped me stay relevant and ahead of the curve with regard to social media networking and communications.

**Can you share some favorite fashion industry moments?**

I've had the pleasure of working with many famous designers, but the elegant Oscar de la Renta is my all-time favorite; his designs are beyond compare. I've also worked with Karl Lagerfeld, Carolina Herrera, Diane Von Furstenberg, Marc Jacobs and others. A personal high point was producing a show that

spanned 100 years of fashion. Each scene featured a different decade, with original clothing and music from the era.

**How would you describe your personal fashion sensibility?** Classic and timeless with an irreverent twist. I think fashion should be fun, like wearing a Chanel jacket with jeans or a vintage dress with contemporary accessories. I love investment dressing, buying things that never go out of style. Fashion, to me, has always been a series of exquisite moments. When my daughter was a child, I would tell her that my job was like stringing together a pearl necklace, one precious pearl at a time.

**What are your hobbies/passions?** Travel, photography, collecting cookbooks, fashion books and eyeglasses. I've just published

a children's book about my mother, *Tess: A Little Lady with Big Ideas*.

**Lasell's alliance with Neiman Marcus began in 1990 and continues to involve internship opportunities for talented students and the shared promotion of Boston's Fashion Week. Thoughts?** Lasell and Neiman Marcus have a strong partnership. I am proud that I have been able to strengthen that relationship by inviting Fashion classes and the Fashion Connection Club to work on projects with me. We've also hosted several Lasell events with more to come.

**Why is it important for graduate alums to support Lasell?**

I've always believed it is important to give back to the community in which you work or live. Lasell gave me an educational experience for which I will forever be grateful; giving back by supporting the College is the natural thing to do.



'Lasell's graduate-level courses helped me stay relevant and ahead of the curve.'

James Collins photo

Executive Sweet: PR Director Riccio, center stage at Neiman Marcus Natick.

Cris Haverty Leads Athletic Training and Exercise Science Toward Expansion

# RAISING the BAR



**Best Practices:**  
Department Chair Cristina Haverty.

Lasell's Athletic Training and Exercise Science Program is on the cusp of something big.

A little more than 10 years ago, the College was building the department, developing curriculum and looking to recruit more students.

Today, under the leadership of Department Chair and Associate Professor Cristina Haverty, the academic discipline recently set an incoming student record, has student interns at Harvard, local pro trainer Mike Boyle Strength and Conditioning, and is looking to add a graduate program by 2014-15.

"The goal has been to get students to come here because it is their number-one choice," says Haverty. "Now, it's about this exciting future [here at Lasell] with new faculty and student opportunities. The students want to come here, and we want to help them be the best they can be."

The recent five-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) of the Exercise Science Program and 10-year re-accreditation of the Athletic Training Program by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) give fuel to the department's fire.

"Achieving both accreditations was monumental for the department," says Haverty. "It's all part of the excitement. The students feel the buzz."

Since her arrival at Lasell in 2000 from MIT, where she coordinated the Sports Medicine program, Haverty has brought a high level of energy and excitement that has helped attract students to the program.



**Hands On:** Professor Haverty gives some pointers in Athletic Training to Marisa Visocchi '14.

"Under Cris' leadership, these programs have grown steadily, not to mention the excellent faculty she's recruited," says Vice President for Academic Affairs Jim Ostrow. "The students also benefit tremendously from her own professional expertise as an athletic trainer to elite athletes."

After finishing her clinical practice and graduate work at Boston University, Haverty came to Lasell with plans for growing a department and anticipation for working directly with students.

"I always knew I wanted to lead a department, but I also loved being on the field or the ice. I'm a clinician at heart," she says.

Earlier in her career she was head athletic trainer for the US Youth Soccer's Region 1 Olympic Development Program for Girls Soccer and was an athletic trainer for the US Soccer Federation until 2010.

Keeping up on best practices, she endeavors to have one foot on the athletic field, taking three or four training jobs a year, despite a hectic teaching schedule and managing a department.

But her real love is working with students.

Often a line of students forms out her office door, and Haverty makes time for them all.

"I just can't say no when it comes to them. You just don't know who needs your attention most, so we try to create a community," Haverty adds.

*'Students want to come here, and we want to help them be the best they can be.'*

And when she's not giving her time to Lasell's undergraduates, she's part of a bustling household that includes three children under the age of 10 and a very devoted husband (he's with the kids as needed, she says).

That support enables her to focus squarely on a very bright future for Athletic Training and Exercise Science at Lasell.

"I'm excited about collaborating with my colleagues to develop a vision that positions Lasell College as a leader in Athletic Training and Exercise Science education," says Haverty.

# Lasell Values to Live By

For many high school seniors, a looming rite of passage is to research, apply and decide on where to attend college. The pictures of the campus in the viewbook are stunning, and the students in the photos all look very happy. But leaving home, the prospect of living with a stranger and adjusting to a new community can cause trepidation even in the most self-aware and confident of students.

Adjusting to college life and making a new set of lifelong friends is serious business.

There is no instruction booklet for going off to college. Students learn quickly, however, that the time they spend in the classroom is only one part of the college experience—especially if living on campus. On a small campus like Lasell's, students become members

of a community. And what happens if a peer demonstrates behavior unbecoming a young adult? If someone vandalizes school property, do students turn their backs or report it to an administrator? If students encounter uncivil behavior, is it ignored or is it dished back?

Those were questions raised at a Lasell Student Government Association (SGA) meeting back in late Fall 2009, where President Michael B. Alexander and Vice President for Student Affairs Diane Austin were invited guests. When asked for advice on addressing incivility on campus, Alexander made it clear that having the Senior Management Team determine sanctions for such behavior was not

the solution. He told SGA that the students themselves were the ones best able to influence student culture.

In Spring 2010, SGA members were invited to a conference at nearby Mt. Ida College where they learned about other schools' "value statements."

And that is where the idea of "Lasell College's Values to Live By

(For the Students, By the Students)" was born.

SGA Officers Kevin Moloney '14 and Carrie Kenniston '13 soon began developing a campus-wide values campaign to increase civility on campus—not rules or laws, but

promoting a way of life for students at Lasell. The initiative was gently introduced during "Civility Week" in Spring 2011 and more assertively at "Random Acts of Kindness Day" during Spirit Week in Spring 2012.

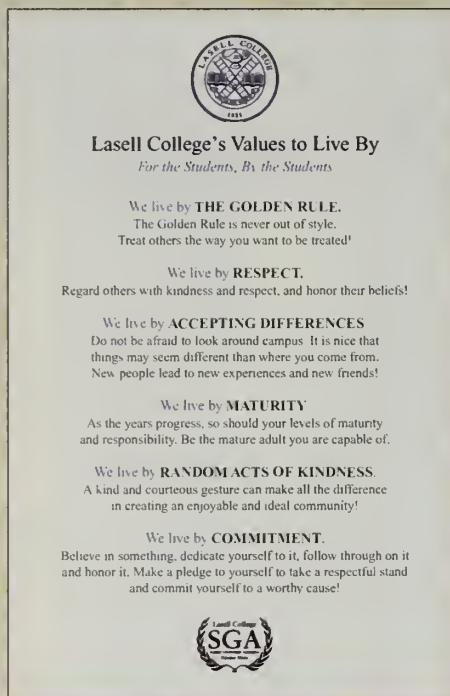
"In the last two years, the Student Government Association has taken on the task of addressing the issue of civility," Vice President Austin says, adding, "They have worked to shine a light on that issue and to spark conversation and action consistent with the ideals of a civil community."

Six students—a few now alums—(Kevin Moloney '14, Carrie Kenniston '13, Holly Irvin '13, Kasey Looney '12, Alexandra Ferri '14 and Lara Kineavy '12) worked on the initiative resulting in six "Values to Live By:" the golden rule, respect, accepting differences, maturity, random acts of kindness and commitment.

"We didn't want to force it on people," Moloney tells Leaves. "We always wanted it to be a student movement, not an enforcement issue." Today the six values are framed and hanging in strategic spots on campus, and stickers adorn books, computers, dorm room doors and walls. SGA continues to look for ways to spread the word about the "Values" in Residential Life, with peer advisors, and athletics, to name a few.

So the \$64,000 question is—Did the awareness campaign work? Has it impacted civility on campus?

"It is difficult to prove what, if any, impact 'Lasell College Values to Live By' has had on campus, but I believe it has



(For the Students, By the Students)" was born.

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had a positive effect on how students treat each other," comments President Alexander. "It seems to me that the level of courtesy has gone up appreciably with people invariably holding doors for each other, saying 'please' and 'thank you' and 'hello' as they walk by. These may seem like small things, but they are indicators of the kind of community that is emerging here."

Alexander adds, "I used to get numerous complaints every year about individuals feeling socially ostracized and about the prevalence of cliques. I am sure those problems still exist, as they would in any crowded universe like a college campus, but I have now gone two years without hearing one such complaint."

In a recent SGA-conducted student survey to determine whether the "Values" are working, the responses were uniformly enthusiastic:

- "The 'Values' were created to serve as a constant reminder that everyone deserves to be respected and valued as a person, not only here, but in their own communities as well."
- "I do believe that the 'Values' have been effective in promoting unity on campus."
- "I have been making friends with people who I would never have talked to before."

And Mairead Van Heest, Sodexo general manager, concurs. "My experience with the students this year has been very positive," she tells



**Values Ambassadors:** Carrie Kenniston '13 (bottom), Holly Irvin '13, Kevin Moloney '14 and Alexandra Ferri '14 (top).

Leaves. "They always send thank-you notes when we have catered an event for them. And this year the students have been taking better care of the dining hall."

In a message to the College community last Fall, SGA President Kenniston wrote, "We hope that by showcasing these "Values," students will follow them during their time at Lasell and after they graduate."

Perhaps one of the undergraduates surveyed summed it up best. "Every community should have a set of values to live by. College is no different. And even more important is to have a set of values because we enter Lasell as complete strangers, but if we are civil and unified with one another, then we will leave as a family."

# the Students

## Laser Lights

Ashley Slattery '13

# Lacrosse Standout Takes Next Step

**Lasell's Ashley Slattery** is well positioned for the future—combining athletic and leadership skills to set the stage for an athletic training and coaching career.

An athlete from an early age, Slattery played three sports in high school and varsity lacrosse early—as a freshman. Even upon entering Lasell, Slattery managed both basketball and lacrosse through junior year, but lacrosse was always her passion.

"I love lacrosse and knew that I wanted to play in college even when I was still in high school," says the senior captain. "My senior year [at Lasell] I knew we were doing big things."

During the Spring 2013 season the team had high hopes for its performance in the GNAC Conference (3-0 at print), meanwhile Slattery's awards have piled up.

The Weymouth (MA) High School graduate has collected a slew of honors, including women's lacrosse 2010 Rookie of the Year (GNAC), 2011 1st team All Conference, 2012 1st Team All Conference and a 2013 national ranking of 15th in the nation (midfielders) in NCAA Division 3 by the LaxPower national poll, but her coaches praise both her skill and attitude.

"I have coached hundreds of lacrosse players, and Ashley stands in a very select group who have the ability to influence the direction of a program," says Adam Green, associate head coach for Lasell Women's Lacrosse.

"While her domination with goals and assists is impressive, it is the intangible characteristics of physical and mental toughness and the ability to make others around her better that sets her apart."

A reluctant leader, Slattery was hesitant when her coaches named her captain as a junior. But she learned to embrace the role.

"I preferred to lead by example and worry about how to improve my own



**On the Move:** Center Slattery makes her way down the field.

game, [but] being captain forced me to become more vocal and work on my communication skills. I had to make the team my priority and put them first," she says.

The experience has also proven fruitful off the field, as the Exercise Science major focuses on the future.

Slattery currently interns at Beacon Hill Athletic Club, where she already has secured a job after graduation, and is simultaneously working toward a certified personal trainer's license. This Summer, she plans to obtain a strength and conditioning specialist's license, then she will set her sights on coaching lacrosse.

"Lacrosse is very important to me, and I definitely want to keep it a part of my life after I graduate," she tells *Leaves*.

With graduation near and limited time between lacrosse, school, an internship and an off-campus job, the bookworm hopes for a few moments of downtime to finish the *Inheritance* trilogy and ponder the lessons she's learned at Lasell.

"Being a student-athlete sharpened my leadership skills because I had to not only have great time management with classes, school work and practice, but I also had to learn from my experiences and identify my strengths and weaknesses," she adds.

No doubt she will put it all to good use.

## STATS • SCORES • SCHEDULES

For the latest Lasell team stats, scores and schedules, go to:

**[laserpride.lasell.edu](http://laserpride.lasell.edu)**

Alexander Mill '13

## Mill 'Kills' Outside the Net

**Alexander Hugh Mill '13** started playing volleyball at Timberlane Regional High School in Danville, New Hampshire "as a joke," he says. Once he'd been named 2008 New Hampshire Player of the Year, however, the joke was soon on his opponents. Watching his strapping 6'3" frame dominate the collegiate net, it's hard to imagine Mill was a mere 5'1" as a freshman high school player. His diminutive size forced him to "constantly adapt" his playing style, he says, making him the flexible, confident outside hitter he is today.

The senior Marketing major, with a minor in Law and Business, is captain of the Lasell Men's Volleyball Team for the second year in a row. A serious team player, his personal athletic successes have been numerous: He has twice been a member of the GNAC All-Sportsman Team, named 2011 GNAC Player of the Week, named to the 2011 MIT Invitational All-Tournament Team and received the TOP GPA award in the NECVA Conference Tournament in 2011.

Coach Tom Olson praises Mill as "a true leader" and goes on to say, "I have known Alex since he joined the team as a freshman, and he has grown in his leadership roles both on and off the court." The coach adds he was not surprised Mill was named captain of his Lasell team for two consecutive seasons.

Mill cites as the most valuable lesson he's learned as a Lasell student-athlete to be "that you can't always please everyone," which, he adds, "is hard for me because I don't enjoy disappointing people." He admits he holds high standards for himself and others but emphasizes that having serious expectations helps "push the team to constantly improve."



**O Captain!** Outsider hitter Mill goes up for one.

Coach Olson concurs. "I know he will excel in whatever he decides to do after graduation." And what might that be? "Travel to different parts of this country and other countries," Mill tells Leaves, "to experience difference societies and what they value."

And while he's soaking in other cultures, maybe get in some digs, kills and hits along the way?



## Captain Sean Bertanza: 1990-2012

Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, family and friends packed de Witt Hall in January 2013 for a memorial gathering in honor of Sean Bertanza '13. The captain of Lasell's Men's Basketball team died in his sleep at his family's home in Connecticut in December 2012. Bertanza set a College record by scoring 55 points in one game during the 2011-12 season, earning him the nickname "Mr. 55." Aaron Galletta, head Men's Basketball coach, called the feat "the greatest

shooting performance I have ever seen," adding, "I always knew we had a shot to win with Sean on our team." In addition to the community-wide service, the team honored Bertanza with a ceremony before its January 2013 game against Albertus Magnus College. He also was named, posthumously, by the GNAC (Great Northeast Atlantic Conference) to the All-Conference First Team for the 2012-13 season.



**Family Affair:**

Helen (with a recent drawing)  
and David Cohen at the Village.



Helen and David Cohen

# Like Mother, Like Son

In 1944, when FDR's campaign limousine made its way down Boston's Blue Hill Avenue, Helen Berow was there, waving.

In 1998, when her son, David, was first elected mayor of Newton, MA, Helen Berow Cohen was on the steps of Newton City Hall, waving. These days when she waves goodbye to her son, it's from her Lasell Village apartment. And she's likely to be rushing off to a class.

Like most adult children, David Cohen was concerned about his widowed mother when the time came for her to move from the Newton Centre home where she'd raised him and his brother, Jerold, a Florida gastroenterologist. And, like most offspring of Lasell Village residents, David has happily put those concerns to rest.

"The supportive human interaction that Mom so enjoys is supplied in ample amounts by her new friends at the Village," he tells *Leaves*. "The Village is a testament to the fact that even if you've lived a lot of years, you can still be very much a part of life. In fact, it is because of those years that each Village resident brings a unique perspective to the community. And it is enriching for people of all ages to experience those perspectives."

That healthy mix is what David, his wife, Laura, and Helen herself agree is "the Village's greatest strength and strongest selling point." And what sealed the deal for the family to choose it over other senior living facilities they were considering.

A Dorchester native who grew up "playing tennis at Franklin Field and taking Saturday classes at the MFA,"

Helen Cohen is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art who has never stopped creating. Her handsome graphite, Chinese ink, pastel and watercolor works line her sunny Seminary Avenue apartment, along with photographs of her three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Though modest about her own talent, the spirited arts enthusiast is always eager to discuss art and culture, and to learn more.



She and her late husband, Herbert, "had a full life for 66 years," Helen says. "We traveled and enjoyed the theatre and museums." And, she assures, she still has a full life, though in a different way.

"You're free to be alone here, if you choose to," she tells *Leaves*, "and free to be with people if you don't."

Her son loves her lifestyle at the Village, as well.

After serving as a Newton Alderman (1972-79), State Representative (1979-97) and Mayor of Newton (1998-2009), David Cohen retired from public service and the practice of law in 2009. He now spends time writing, traveling with his wife and enjoying their two young grandchildren.

"When I left public life, I was delighted that President Alexander asked me to serve on the Lasell Board of Overseers," he tells *Leaves*. "I'd worked with Michael on several issues and was impressed with his vision for the College as well as his sensitivity in addressing the concerns of the surrounding Auburndale neighborhood."

Coincidentally, Cohen's political career path and the path of Lasell had crossed at several points. "Although I was not involved with the creation of Lasell Village, I was mayor of Newton at its grand opening in 2000," he says. "On that occasion, I expressed the hope that one day the complex might be considered Newton's 15th village."

And for several hundred engaged seniors, including his mother, it is exactly that.

Helen Cohen still draws and paints daily. Ditto playing her beloved classical music on the piano that commands a cozy corner of her living room. And she still has daily contact with her son...as well as the many new friends she's made at Lasell Village.

"When she was living alone in our family home she would call me several times daily just to talk. And I would also call her every morning," son David says. "One morning, after she'd been at the Village for two weeks, I put in the daily call and started chatting. Mom promptly interrupted me. 'David,' she said, 'I'd love to talk, but I'm late for class.'"

At that moment, David Cohen smiles, "I knew that my mother was not only safe, but happy."

# Community to Classroom...and Back

### Environmentalist Aaron Toffler



Connected Learner: Professor Toffler takes a rare break.

Aaron Toffler's path from pro bono legal work on Boston's city streets to Lasell's leafy campus is less long and winding than at first glance. The director of the College's Environmental Studies Program and associate professor of Environmental Policy has spent the majority of his professional legal career representing nonprofit organizations and public agencies in urban environments.

At Lasell since 2009, Toffler teaches Environmental Law and Policy, Introduction to Environmental Studies and Environmental Ethics and Justice, all tied to his off-campus work on community issues around land use, open space and development. And his expertise as an environmental attorney in private practice lends powerful credibility to his multiple roles as a community representative, negotiator among diverse stakeholders and legal advocate.

Toffler is a former director of the Natural Cities Program at the Urban Ecology Institute, a nonprofit organization based at Boston College, and holds a BA in economics and French from Union College and a JD from BC Law School.

The Woodbridge, CT native lives in Needham, MA with his wife, Deborah, director of patient and family services and programs at Boston's Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and their two young sons. Leaves caught up with the popular professor in his Maple Terrace office in early Spring.

#### How did you wind up in academia?

When I was a third-year law student at BC, I helped teach a section of Environmental Law to undergraduates. I'd never felt as energized and excited about practicing law as I did when I was center-stage in the classroom. That feeling persists to this day.

#### Your law degree must be a plus.

Absolutely. I find Environmental Law and Policy very difficult to teach at the undergraduate level. It's complicated, and every question leads to more questions. Reading through actual cases helps to humanize the situations that we study.

#### Who are your heroes?

Currently, Bill McKibben and Michael Pollan.

**What's on your night table?** *Clean* by Alejandro Junger, MD and *Breasts* by Florence Williams [who spoke at Lasell in March 2013].

**What are your non-academic passions?** I love to fish and camp and can't wait to share those activities with my boys. I'm also learning to play the guitar for the same reason.

**Does Connected Learning impact your teaching style?** Connected Learning allows me to take dense and difficult subjects and let students interact with them in a way that enhances their learning. It encourages students to figure out their own questions as they confront issues, rather than listen to me lecture.

**Is Environmental Studies a 'real-world' choice?** Yes. I have been a relentless advocate for students to declare either a major or a minor in Environmental Studies, because I truly believe there is nothing more important for them to know. I think it is a nice complement to almost any other major at Lasell and makes students more marketable when they graduate.

**What's best about teaching at Lasell?** Our students want to be actively engaged, not just passive learners. Life is about doing, and Lasell students are committed to action that makes the world a better place.

Spring 2013

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# Class Notes

May Fête  
*Circa 1921*

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**33** Louise Newell Audette of Derry, NH turned 100 on April 5, 2013.

**37** Augusta "Billie" Hopkins moved into the Watermark at East Hill in Southbury, CT in September as their first "memory care" resident and tells *Leaves* she is doing well.



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Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, NH was the setting for a mini '46 reunion in December, with **Joan Hanson Blake**, **Muriel Ross Benshimol**, **Nan Somerville Blowney**, **Phyllis Paige Downes**, **Dorothy "Dorie" Crathern French**, **Louise "Lee" Pool Langley**, **Judith Greenough Udaloy** and **Lynn Blodgett Williamson** on the scene. **Rae Chase Duryea**, a Tai Chi enthusiast, and husband John, enjoyed a winter golf vacation in Vero Beach, FL.

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**Nancy "Sandy" Pryor Baker** inherited a house in Freeport, ME, built in 1800, where she enjoys strolling Casco Bay, savoring nature, reading and spending time with family, friends and neighbors. **Margaret "Maggie" Olson Belden** volunteers at an assisted living facility in her area of Farmington, CT, where she entertains

seniors with Scrabble and board games. She has two sons and one daughter. **Patricia Hyde Billet** is active in hospital and church work in the York, ME area. Her daughter teaches math at Natick (MA) High School. **Diana Ewing Bowser** golfs at Aberdeen Golf Club in Boynton Beach, FL. She and her husband traveled extensively before his retirement. **Shirley Reeves Fletcher** is busy with her work in real estate and has houses in Lynnfield, MA and Harwich Port on Cape Cod. Her older daughter works for Pfizer Drug Company, and her younger daughter is an oncologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. **Joanne Haigis**, now retired in York, ME, earned a BLS degree after Lasell and worked as a librarian in England and

Germany. **Nancy Nelson Weiss** lives an active life in Audubon, FL, where she sees "lots of shore birds and sandpipers," plays golf and Bridge and is pursuing her master's degree. **Marilyn Sargent Babineau**'s husband Leo died in June 2012.

**"I enjoy strolling Casco Bay, savoring nature, reading, family, friends."**

— Nancy "Sandy" Pryor Baker '50

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Though a lifelong Massachusetts resident, **Libbie Fleet Glazer** looks forward to summers in Maine. She has two children and two grandchildren and fond memories of traveling in Europe and the Caribbean with her late husband. A repertory theater enthusiast, Libbie, recommends the novel *Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald H. Balson to fellow alums. **Helen Mastrangelo Riley** lives in New Jersey, where she and her husband taught school and raised three sons. She still volunteers for the American Cancer Society and Recovery for Breast Cancer. **Barbara Jankowski Rusch** calls Bethpage, NY home. A widow for 25 years, she has a daughter who is a US Navy commander stationed in Washington, DC and a 100-year-old mother in Vermont. Barbara belongs to church groups and keeps busy with reading, Bridge and television. She also enjoys her time-share in the Cayman Islands, where her grandson and granddaughter live. **Joanne Seremeth Teague** lives in Greenfield, MA where she volunteers at a hospital. Joanne has three daughters, two close by. She has traveled extensively to China, Egypt, Alaska and Hawaii. **Edna Duge Watson**, now a widow,

**Chihuly Chandelier:** During a March 2013 tour of the Naples (FL) Museum of Art, a group of Lasell alums were dazzled by famed glass artist Dale Chihuly's "Icicle Chandelier," part of the Museum's permanent collection.

has always lived in Connecticut and still resides in her Cos Cob home. She had to vacate her home after Hurricane Sandy, but now all is well. Edna retired at 78 from the financial department of the Visiting Nurses Association in Stamford, CT. She and her entire family are big Boston Red Sox fans.

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**Barbara Rost Goodman** has been cold, cold, cold in Dallas, TX, where a white Christmas was a rare treat. She is a big NFL and college football fan. **Geraldine "Missy" Paulmier Hazell** continues to make it through tough times in New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy. She was "extremely lucky to live inland and to only lose power for five days." **Terry Wingate Machette** of Norwalk, CT continues to relive Reunion 2012. "For my money, we were a great-looking bunch of 80-year-old 'broads,'" she writes *Leaves*. "The years have been kind to us. I was impressed with the way the Office of Alumni Relations handled the rainout on Saturday; they scrambled to keep us happy. For those from our class who did not attend, sorry you missed it! Lasell has made wonderful strides, and you would have been extremely proud. Hope I'm there for the 65th!" **Virginia "Ginny" Johnson Irwin** of Virginia Beach, VA adds this about Reunion 2012: "The Office of Alumni Relations went out of its way to make everyone comfortable." She and her husband, Lou, had a terrific time. They are down in Jupiter, FL for the winter and looking forward to seeing **Peggy Thompson '52** and **Roslyn Rowell '52**. Last year they moved from Manlius, NY to Virginia Beach, one mile away from their daughter and grandchildren. **Virginia "Ginny" Snedaker Marschall**'s husband, Kurt, who died in 2012, "was a 1952 graduate of Yale, the same year I graduated Lasell! I was so pleased to get to our 60th Reunion and do hope to make the 65th!"

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**48**  
 65th Reunion!

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**Judith "Judy" Robinson Andrews** sends best wishes to all who attended the 60th Reunion. After many moves in their 58 years of marriage, she and Richard now reside in

"Lasell has made wonderful strides.  
 You would have been extremely proud."

— Terry Wingate Machette '46

Youngsville, NC near their daughter and granddaughter. Richard is recovering from heart surgery. **Janet Chase Ash** lost her husband Charlie in 2009. She loves her part-time job as parish secretary at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cypress, TX, attending her grandson's football and lacrosse games and her granddaughter's ballet performances. She lives in a gated patio home community, has great neighbors and friends and wishes all a happy 60th Reunion. **Margaret "Maggie" Angus Christman** still loves living in Tega Cay, SC, where she keeps busy with croquet and Bridge—which she started playing in the "smoker" in Carpenter in 1952. **Marilyn "Lyn" Davis Comins** is downsizing from a long-established home on four acres in Sherborn, MA to a condo in a nearby suburban location. An avid New England Patriots fan, Lyn has been married to her college sweetheart, Carl, for 60 years and has one son, Craig, and two granddaughters, one a recent Penn State grad. She hopes to get to the 60th Reunion. **Mary Weidenmayer McCarthy** lives in Springfield, NJ near two grandsons, one of whom, Kevin Jr., recently completed four years in the US Marines stationed in Afghanistan. **Lillian Medhurst Meiggs** successfully recovered from a knee

replacement and loves living in her apartment in Arden, NC, where she is involved with club activities, craft projects and "a beauty of a garden to tend to." **Shirley Gibbons San Soucie** has lived an interesting life at a family-owned Victorian home on Martha's Vineyard and a condo in suburban Orlando, FL. For quick visits during the winter months or holidays, she travels to Longwood, FL to see her daughter, Debra, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Over the years, a combination of jobs in catering, flea market sales and elder care have kept her busy in both locations. She hopes to be at the 60th Reunion, as she has enjoyed past reunions. During the summer of 2012, a "Celebration of Life" took place on Martha's Vineyard for her son, Michael, who died after a long illness at age 55. **Nancy Yager Weller** remains in Dallas, TX with her husband, John, and one daughter who lives nearby. She sends her wishes to all who will be at the 60th.

**54** **Nancy Swanson Horsfield** of Dayville, CT recently became a great-grandmother. Two of her grandchildren joined the US Army National Guard, and a third received an appointment to West Point. This past Spring, she spent time with **Mary Atterbury Bradshaw**.

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**Valerie Montanez Barto's** granddaughter, Christina Newton, got married in August 2012. **Joan Baker Cornell** misses her classmate, **Nancy Tripp Taylor**, who died last year. Joan is savoring her retirement



**Woodland Wonderland:** The February 2013 blizzard made for easy skiing on Woodland Road.



**Banner Year:** Members of the Class of '63 will hoist their banner at their 50th Reunion this June.

from the Veterans' Administration. **Bobbie Jennings** plans to return to her favorite place, the Virgin Islands. She has chartered a 50-foot sailboat and, with three friends, will cruise through the British Virgins and then spend a week camping on St. John. **Sally Warner O'Such** and husband, Bob, have spent their winters in Puerto Vallarta for 40 years. When back home in Guilford, CT, Sally volunteers at a local thrift shop. "It's a good cause," she writes, "and I love retail." Years ago Sally had her own shop, selling imported designer fabrics. **Carol Cunningham Kiley**'s husband, Patrick, died in December 2012.

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Elaine asked her classmates: "What are you looking forward to in 2013?" **Marsha Shapiro Carpenter**'s resolution for the New Year is to "keep 40 pounds off that I've lost and continue in good health." Christine Lewis Cole of Topsham, ME is recovering from ovarian cancer. **Cynthia Smith Coleman** and her husband, Joe, have been living in Santa Fe, NM for three years and love it. Their travels have taken them to Istanbul, the Mideast and Hawaii. **Martha**

"We'd love to have a Lasell alumni group travel with us to Africa this Fall."

— **Carol "Shu" Schumacher Dougherty '61**

**"Marty" Dazley Cottone** is cold in Sun City, AZ, so she and her husband Charlie are taking a trip to the Mexican Riviera. **Carol "Shu" Schumacher Dougherty**, content to ski and hike in the Colorado Rockies these days, is planning a trip to Africa for Fall 2013. She and **Laine Butler Ryan '61** would love to have a Lasell alumni group, ('61ers and any others) join them for "an adventure to remember!" Contact Carol at [caroldougherty1415@gmail.com](mailto:caroldougherty1415@gmail.com). **Marie Pelargonio Hall** of Wayland, MA is looking forward to staying in contact with the wonderful friends she discovered at Lasell, "one of the greatest experiences of my life!" **Elizabeth "Betty" Hood** of Needham, MA is excited about her travels to Tahiti and other islands with a group of folks who "like to ballroom dance in the evening after exploring new areas during the day." **Linda Leser Hughes** and her husband, of Venice, FL, are looking forward to a trip to South Africa, and her stepdaughter's wedding near Cape Town and plan to attend the Venice Symphony

Pops with **Milly Gillis Pereira '61** and her husband, **Laura Jensen Hyer**, her husband and **Laine Butler Ryan** will leave Pittsboro, NC to sail the high seas on the Wind Surf to Spain and Portugal. "Our stop in Palma will allow us to visit one of my Norwegian relatives who now lives in Mallorca," Hyer says. **Carolyn Bird Murray** escaped from Maine to Florida this winter. She also took trips to Texas for her granddaughter's Texas Christian University sorority mother/granddaughter weekend, London and another summer lunch reunion with her Pickard friends **Barbara Haddad**, **Donna Kessler**, **Sharon House** (all class of 1961) and **Charlotte Morgan**. **Elaine "Laine" Butler Ryan** and her husband, Leo, of Intervale, NH are headed back to Ireland in June with their daughter, son, their spouses, children and five grandchildren. Slainte! **Alexandra "Bunnie" Engelhardt Tomes** of Cedar Rapids, IA is enjoying retirement from activities with the Red Cedar Chamber Music, Lady Astronomers, Girl Scouts and the Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center. **Wendy Wolfenden** is "looking forward to better health for me and my country."

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**Virginia "Ginny" White Kelty**, a clinical psychologist in Braintree, MA, lives in Scituate with her husband, son and Belgian Sheepdog. Last summer she traveled to Paris, the Brittany coast and her late mother-in-law's hometown of St. Cheron, France. She anticipates future travel to Antigua in the Caribbean. **Chieko Sasaki Sagiike** writes from Tokyo, Japan that she and husband, Jerry, have been married for 41 years. She has always kept Boston and Lasell close to her heart, proudly introducing her husband to the Lasell campus back in 1996. She sends "hellos" to all her classmates with wishes for a wonderful Reunion. **Ann Sterner Tyler** and her husband have three children and eight grandchildren between them. She has been busy playing USTA tennis and enjoying two book clubs, a cooking klatch and a Bible study group. She and her husband have retired to the Palm Beach area of Florida to begin a new phase of their lives.

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**Carol Goulian Stewart** reconnected with her former Lasell professor **Elaine Cavanaugh** with a recent phone chat.

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**Mary Jane Babineau Morse** received her master's in Art from Johnson State College in Johnson, Vermont.

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**Sheree Loftus** went on from Lasell to obtain a BS degree, MS post-graduate certificate and PhD. She recently completed her third grant-funded research study in New York City, "Integrated Exercise: Balance Work to Improved Parkinson Postural Stability," and instructs nurse practitioners at Hunter-Bellevue Graduate School of Nursing in NYC. Her son, Corey, is 16, and her husband, Dr. Andrew Fader, continues a busy medical practice in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

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**Jane W. Cormuss, Martha Little Walters and Susan Goldberg Wade** reunited over margaritas recently. Jane continues her freelance work as a writer/editor in the Boston area. She recently caught up with her Lasell freshman English professor, **David Grace**, by phone. "Longtime friends are the best!", Jane tells Leaves. **Kay Erlanger-McNamara** thanks her fellow classmates who have contributed to the *Class Notes* section of Leaves. "Not only has it been fun hearing from each of you, but our class section no longer is empty. We are alive and thriving. Keep continuing to update me on your whereabouts. Special thanks to those who have contributed multiple times," she says. **Kimberly S. Dernavich**

**Nierenhausen** lives in Wilbraham, MA with her husband of 23 years, Luke. They have two grown sons, ages 22 and 20, and own Granite Creations countertop company, which they started 23 years ago. **Lynn Tokarczyk**, a Bellingham, MA resident and president of Business Development Strategies Inc. in Medway, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation. She began her career as owner of a women's apparel store in Wayland, MA.

**19 83**  
30th Reunion!

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**Katharine "Kathy" Urner-Jones** writes: "Thirty years out: OMG! Working at Lasell has given me a birds'-eye view into all the great improvements on campus since the early '80s, but I would love to hear from (or even better, see) more of my classmates. Many seem to have disappeared into the fabric of life. Whatever happened to **Cindy Fine, KC Redmond, Connie Young, et.al.**? If anyone knows, please haul them to Reunion this June for a Girls' Night Out. I'll bring the wine! (Email: [kurnerconsult@yahoo.com](mailto:kurnerconsult@yahoo.com))"

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"Please haul them to Reunion this June for a Girls' Night Out!"

— **Kathy Urner-Jones '83**

**Jinette Dumont Chapman** received a master's degree from the University of Michigan School of Social Work in 2002, completed a fellowship in geriatrics at John A. Hartford Foundation and got a certificate in Aging/Geriatrics. After a long career in social work and mental health, she is currently a psychiatric social worker at Oakwood Hospital in Michigan. She married Dr. Timothy Chapman in 2009, and they have three daughters Nia, Mya and Ava (see page 35).

**20 03**  
10th Reunion!

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**04 Solace Hummel** recently was promoted to chief administrative officer at Hummel's Office Plus in New York.

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5th Reunion!

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**Back in Service:** Alums who participated in the Niños de Veracruz service trip while undergrads returned to Mexico in January 2013, where they were reunited with Associate Professor Stephanie Athey. Shown, with Cotapec residents, are (front, left to right): Diana West '12, Kayla McKenna '09. Back (left to right): Samantha LaFrance '13, Demetrick Nealy '09, Ginelle Gaulin-McKenzie '10.

# Mark Your Calendars

**Friday, September 27**

Sixth Annual Golf Classic  
Stow Acres Country Club  
Stow, MA

**October 2013**

Fall Boston Alumni Reception (Date TBD)

**October 18-20**

Family, Friends & Alumni Weekend and GOLD Pub Night, Lasell College

**Monday, October 21**

Board of Trustees Meeting/Annual Donor Recognition Dinner, Lasell College

**Monday, October 22**

Board of Overseers Meeting, Lasell College

**Adam Dushman** recently participated in an Alumni Career Panel hosted by Lasell's Office of Alumni Relations and tells Leaves, "it was a great night for fellow alumni and classmates! Lasell has always done such a good job of guiding its students down the path of their choice, and I look forward to continuing the tradition!" **Kimberly "Kim" McGah Mancini** joined the Academic Affairs staff at Lasell as an administrative assistant. **Stephanie "Steph" Kana Montinieri** and her husband, **Josh Montinieri '08**, bought a house in Bristol, CT which they share with their puppy, Tucker, a beagle/poiler mix. Steph works for Lane Construction, and Josh has worked with the New Britain Rock Cats baseball team for two years. **Marian Salama** works in the Office of Residence Life at Providence College, where she is the complex director of a mixed-class community, responsible for organizing all educational programs.

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**Katelyn Hammond Lincoln '09/MSM '11** and **Heather Oblon '10** traveled to Washington, DC to attend the parade and ceremonies for President Barack Obama's Inauguration in January and took advantage of being in the nation's capital to do some sightseeing. **Benjamin "Ben" Segal** is the new guest services supervisor at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY.

**Kayla McKenna** was one of seven alums who returned to Cotapac, Veracruz, Mexico in January 2013, where they reunited with **Stephanie Athey**, associate professor of English and Honors Program director, with whom they'd participated as undergrads in the Niños de Veracruz service trip. Joining McKenna were **Daniel Iles '08, Ginelle**

**Gaulin-McKenzie '10, Demetrick Nealy '09, Samantha LaFrance '13, Diana West '12 and Meg O'Neil '12.**

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**Jessica Buono** has been busy launching her professional life, currently at Cool Hand Luke Productions, an independent film company in New York, as a public relations assistant. **Fallon Coster** moved to Fleetwood, NY and works as a design room assistant in Manhattan's Garment District. **Taylor Curran** works for a small public accounting firm in Chestnut Hill, MA and passed the final section of her CPA exam "just in time for tax season." **Amanda Gorski** has moved back to Wethersfield, CT as a program director for the West Hartford YMCA, "happy to be in a job that utilizes my Lasell Sport Management degree." **Kelli Taylor** is head athletic trainer for the Amarillo Venom, a semi-professional arena football team in Texas. **Michelle Torres** is playing women's professional football for the New England Intensity.

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**Sally Jean-Baptiste** is an agent for Bankers Life and Casualty, working with senior retirement planning, and sings with the Somerville Community Chorus.

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# Snapshots

**In Focus:** Clockwise, from top left: Lori Whitney Hunt '07 and husband, Charles Hunt III; Shirley San Soucie '53 with her son, Stephen, and daughter, Debra Folsom;

**Deborah Lestch Blumenthal '95** and husband, Saul Blumenthal; Mya, Ava and Nia Chapman, daughters of **Jinette Dumont Chapman '01**; **Mary Weidenmayer McCarthy '53** and grandsons Kevin Jr. and Joe; **Judith Robinson Andrews '53** and husband Richard. At center, **Harriet Markham "Honey" Wedeman '48/H'10** in the Sydney, Australia harbor.



## Engagements

Amanda Patricia Powers '07 to **Scott Bruno '07**  
Samantha Stone '08 to Ryan Carter  
Lindsey Christine Barrows '10 to  
Nicholas Zaccardi

## Marriages

Deborah Lestch '95 to Saul Blumenthal on  
October 6, 2012  
Bessie Greenberg '98 to David Sadownick on  
September 9, 2012  
Eileen Apelian '04 to Arek Hamalian on  
September 22, 2012  
Lori Whitney '07 to Charles Hunt III on  
September 29, 2012

## Children

Laura Miller Beer '03, a daughter,  
Emma Beer, on September 12, 2013  
Chantel Daley-Grant '05, G07, a son,  
Elijah Joseph Grant, on October 16, 2012

## Deaths

As Leaves went to press, the Lasell family learned of the death of Beverly Hallam, former chair of the Lasell Art Department, who died on February 21, 2013 in Surf Point, ME. A tribute to Hallam will appear in an upcoming issue of Leaves.

Lydia Barnes Smith '35  
on December 4, 2012

Elizabeth Leland Kibbe '38  
on January 29, 2013

Louise Johnson '39  
on September 1, 2012  
**Anna Maron Smith '39**  
on April 13, 2012  
Norris Beakes Swaner '40  
Ellen Marron Hochmuth '41  
on December 31, 2012  
**Eleanor Pfaff Martin '41**  
on December 8, 2012  
**Dorothy Griffiths Sloman '41**  
on June 21, 2012  
**Lucille Wielandt Speight '41**  
on August 12, 2012  
**Marjorie Ray Blackett '42**  
on December 3, 2012  
**Arline Kreider Roberts '42**  
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**Candace Watson Burnham '68**  
on November 28, 2012  
**Shannon McBride '92** on January 18, 2013

## Editor's Note

Contrary to what was reported in the Fall 2013 issue of Leaves, Ruth Dyer Jones '55 is alive and well and living in Medford, NY. Our sincere apologies.

## Marjorie (Ray) Blackett '42: A Steadfast Supporter



**Marjorie (Ray)  
"Marge" Blackett,**  
a longtime generous  
supporter of Lasell  
College and member  
of the Heritage Society,  
died on December 3,  
2012 in St. Petersburg, FL at age 89. She  
was the widow of Eben Greenleaf (Eb)  
Blackett, with whom she established  
three gift annuities to her alma mater.

Upon graduation from Lasell with a secretarial degree in 1942, "Midge" was cited for her role as business manager of the *Lamp* yearbook and for her published writing in Leaves. Marge and Eb

(Dartmouth '44) married in Newtonville, MA and raised their daughter, Jean, in Marietta, Ohio. There, Eb enjoyed a long career as a chemist and plant manager at American Cyanamid, while Marge was president of the League of Women Voters, active in the Methodist church and nurtured a lifelong interest in birdwatching and the environment.

Jean Blackett Corey, who is married with three stepchildren, eulogized her mother in December. "Mom chose to 'work' as a wife, mother and volunteer," Corey writes. "She struck an early deal with my dad: whatever he spent on

tennis equipment and court time, she could spend equally on bird feed."

The Blacketts retired to Sarasota, FL, their daughter continues, where Marge was president of the Sarasota Audubon "and they shared wonderful years of travel, birding, tennis for him, water aerobics for her, entertaining, theater performances and volunteering."

Even as her mother declined, Corey adds, "she practiced tolerance and compassion. Mom was always happiest sitting with a book, watching her great-grandchildren play."



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Karen A. McCafferty

**Karen A. McCafferty** of Norwood, MA, a senior vice president and head of marketing at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston, has been appointed to a two-year term (2013-2015) as a Lasell College Trustee. McCafferty holds a BA in Communications from Boston College and an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management Fellows Program in Innovation and Global Leadership. She is a senior executive with more than 20 years' experience in marketing, communications and public relations and has an established record of strategic planning, brand and reputation management and fostering strong alliances and relationships.

Members **Shirley Vara Gallerani '53** and **Robin Parry** have been named interim co-chairs of the Board of Overseers for 2012-2013. Appointed to three-year terms (2013-2016) as Overseers are: **Robert C. Menson**, PhD, of Newport, RI, a quality and risk management consultant to FDA-regulated industries and president of Menson & Associates, Inc.; **Margo Waite '63** of Newport, RI, a freelance writer with a specialty in food and travel reporting, including for the blog *Weekend in Paris*; and **Jerry "Jay" Titus MS'06** of Burlington, MA, director of academic and student support at EdAssist Corporation in Watertown, MA (Lasell's first graduate degree alumnus to serve on the Board).

## NEW ROLE FOR VP RUTH SHUMAN



**Ruth Shuman**, Lasell College vice president for Institutional Advancement since 2009, has been named vice president of Communications,

Community and Government Relations. President Michael B. Alexander announced Shuman's new title as part of a senior management team reorganization.

Shuman now is responsible for the College's communications, public relations and media relations activities and will continue to oversee publication efforts including Lasell's alumni magazine, *Leaves*, and its *Annual Report* and *Community Impact Report*. She also now serves as primary contact responsible for developing and enhancing relationships with government officials, community leaders and neighbors and remains the College's ombudsman.

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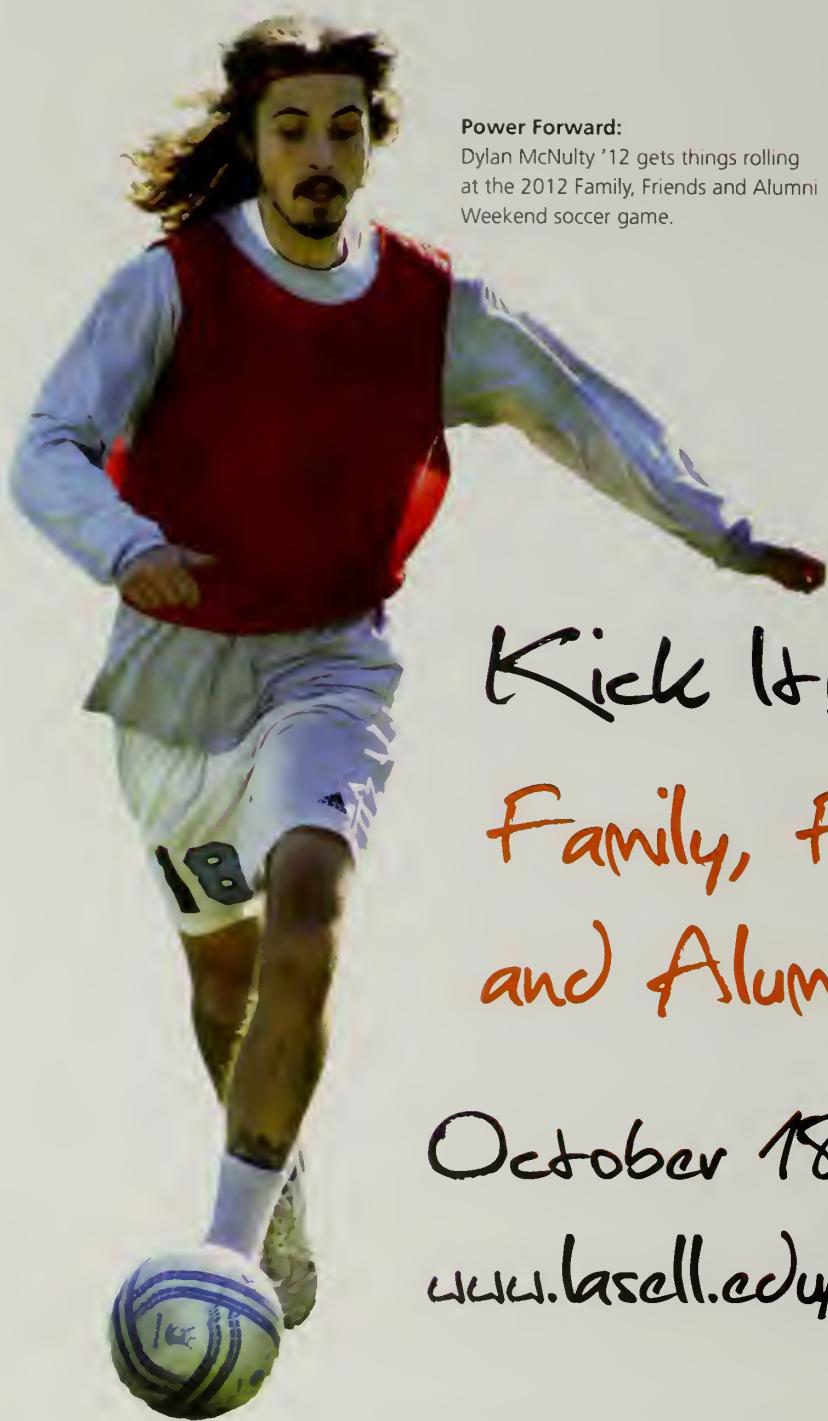
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